



Staff Report

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Mutual Aid Agreement – MOU with City of Washougal for Continuity of Operations – Police

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INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY: The City of Camas is currently upgrading its Emergency Action Plan to a digital document. As a part of this exercise, each department has been asked to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The police department plan requires that we have an identified location to move to in the even that our Camas Police station has to be evacuated for an extended period of time. The location ideally would have the proper infrastructure in place to facilitate our ability to carry out mission critical operations. In east Clark County, the best option for such an evacuation by CPD would be to relocate at the Washougal Police station.

In addition, the City of Washougal also has an Emergency Action Plan that needs to be upgraded in the future. They will go through the same planning process and will be required to identify a location for the Washougal Police Department to move to, in the event that it had to be evacuated. The most logical location for WPD would be to relocate to the Camas Police station. Thus, both police departments need an agreement to be in place that allows one to use the other's police station in the event of an emergency.

I have met with Washougal Police Chief Ron Mitchell and he has agreed to such an arrangement. The vendor who is coordinating our emergency planning process has informed us that we require a formal agreement to be in place for our emergency relocation plans; verbal commitments between the chiefs is not sufficient.

The Police Department will be preparing a brief Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two police departments to be presented to both city councils for approval.

BUDGET IMPACT: This will have no budget impact. It will fall under the general category of mutual aid.

RECOMMENDATION/RECOMMENDED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED: Bring forward the MOU to both city councils for legislative approval at a future meeting.